

UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary January 24, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Paul Klee. Roll call was done by Wayne Jacas.

December meeting minutes were not approved. December minutes will be sent out and approved during the February meeting.

Discussion - "Thrive Montgomery 2050 Plan"

UCAB and community members shared concerns and questions with County Council Members and Council Staffers. Feedback from tonight's meeting will be added to the list of concerns being gathered for the County Council.

County Council Report – Ms. Kristen Trible, Deputy Chief of Staff for Councilmember Rice, reported that the Council will be meeting on Tuesday 1/25 to discuss extending the indoor mask mandate and proof of vaccination for indoor areas such as bars and restaurants. CIP hearings will be 2/8 and 2/9. There are still available slots on the afternoon of 2/8. The Transportation representative reported that an additional 60 sidewalks will be cleared by the county.

Police Report – There were no reports from district representatives. However, representatives from District 5 and District 6 initially joined the meeting but later left the meeting early noting that it was important that the community be allowed to share their concerns about Thrive 2050. They will provide updates to the board during the February meeting.

Regional Director's Report – Regional Director Greg Wims reported that the new Poolesville high school and community center have been approved. He also reported that grants to produce food for low income families have been doubled.

Chairperson's Report – No report

Committee/Liaison Reports – Amanda Hunt-Franklin reported for the Land Use Committee and Andrew Saundry reported for the Quality of Life Committee. Kraig Walsleben reported no new updates for the Dickerson Facilities Implementation Group.

Community Concerns – Wayne Jacas raised safety concerns for areas in the Upcounty where residents are walking in the street because sidewalks are not being cleared of snow. There is great concern around schools where sidewalks are not being cleared before students return to the building. He also raised a question about masks. Are masks only being given to residents 18 and over? Greg will follow up. Will Roberts raised a concern about residents having to walking on 355 because sidewalks had not been cleared.

The meeting was adjourned. Wayne Jacas motioned for adjournment. Andrew Saundry seconded the motion.

<u>Attendance:</u> Steve Augustino, Hassan Dixon, Amanda Hunt Franklin, Wayne Jacas, Revonne Johnson, Paul Klee, Linda Moore, Tangela Nichols, Christopher O'Brien, William Roberts, Andrew Saundry, Matilda Adu, Susan Baldeh, Christel Bivens, Yamil Hernandez, Mary Hoel, Arlene Proebsting, Kraig Walsleben

Staff: Greg Wims, Linda Cooper